



PROJECT UPDATE

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Interstate 580 Scofield Avenue and Western Drive Bridge Decks Replacement Project

**Traffic Shift to Take Place Saturday Evening to Sunday Morning
Eastbound I-580 Western Drive On-Ramp to Be Closed for 90 Days**

Contra Costa County – Saturday, June 1 to Sunday morning, June 2, Caltrans will complete construction of the crossover between the westbound and eastbound bridge decks for the construction project just east of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. **Note:** information about lane or ramp closures for this construction activity will follow in a separate construction update.

On Sunday morning, June 2, Caltrans will shift traffic from the westbound bridge to the eastbound bridge. After this traffic shift, there will be two westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes on the eastbound bridge.

- Westbound traffic will be shifted to the eastbound bridge, drive about one-quarter mile, and shift back at the toll plaza. Motorists should expect additional traffic delay while drivers adjust to this new traffic arrangement and narrower lanes. Please allow additional time for your morning commute.
- During the traffic shift, the eastbound I-580 Western Drive on-ramp will be closed and will remain closed for approximately 90 days or less. **Detour:** During the hours between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., motorists with vehicles that are 3/4 ton or less may use the existing bicycle facility that runs underneath I-580. A flagger will direct traffic, and a pilot vehicle will lead vehicles to eastbound I-580. The pilot vehicle will then return to the entrance to the bike facility where the flagger is stationed. Larger vehicles and trucks, however, will travel westbound across the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, exit at the San Quentin interchange, turn left at the end of the off-ramp, and turn left at the on-ramp to eastbound I-580. The detour across the bridge and back is about 9 miles long, and the extra travel time will be about 10 minutes, regardless of the time of day.





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- Please note that the construction zone speed limit of 45 MPH will be enforced by the California Highway Patrol.
- This lane configuration will remain in effect for approximately 90 days or less while Caltrans replaces the westbound bridge decks.

This work is weather dependent. If it is delayed due to weather conditions, work will be rescheduled. Please drive cautiously through the construction zone and leave a safe traveling distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you. Please remember to “Slow for the Cone Zone.”

For more information about the project, please call our **message line at (510) 286-5820** or visit the **Caltrans webpage at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/580scotlandave/>**

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